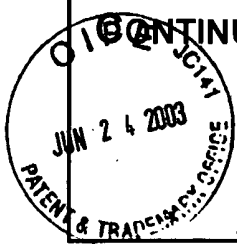


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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/747,428
Filing Date	December 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Neelam N. Vaidya
Art Unit	2171
Examiner Name	S. Al-Hashemi
Attorney Docket No.	30014200.1077/P5701NP/JLM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on May 23, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☒ Other Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) **(\$750.00)**
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) **(\$110.00)**
- iii. ☒ Other: additional claims fee **(\$72.00)**
- b. ☒ The enclosed check in the amount of \$932.00 covers the total claim fee and other applicable fees.

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14. ☒ Customer No. 26263

Dated: June 24, 2003

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